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we have not accomplished efficiencies at all levels of schools, not just small schools, we will be back in the arena with a problem. So I hope that message gets across no matter whether we pass 806 or whether we don't. I suspect that we will, but I think that message needs to be sent to each of our schools in our districts. There's much more to say, but those are some of the things that I wanted to say. I do appreciate the body's attention to this subject, the willingness to work hard on it. The proponents, I commend them for their work and effort. And for those that joined me in trying to make some changes of the bill, thank you for your help and your support and your willingness to fight a very difficult fight.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Madam President and members of the body, I need to say...stand up and say a few things about it because my district has probably got more schools in it than a lot of the other senators and the way 806 started out is really a disaster when it came to the floor, I thought, because of the way it treated the Class I schools and the financing of it. And I think that we've made a lot of improvements on it and I want to thank the body for helping me get one amendment on it that put some more schools over in the sparse because that made a big change in them schools whether they was going to survive or not. And a lot of my schools out in my district has only got one school left in the whole county after we do this, and so they need to have survival to stay in business. Otherwise, they're going to go close down the school and that will be a...just might as well say economic development hurt to all that whole county, because if the school's gone there'd be a lot of other businesses leave too. And the Class I school districts are...I still got a problem with the way it is because if you take the budgeting authority away from them you just as well say that they don't have much use there anymore. Because I was up to a graduation in Gordon and I had a lot of people come up to me from Class I schools and they say, what are we going to have to do after 806 pass; are we going to have to get down and crawl to